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Professor Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Jr. Department of Political Science Brown University
Providence, Rhode Island 02912

Dear Kirk:

We have reviewed your manuscript which you forwarded to the Director last month, and in his absence I am forwarding to you our comments. Our review was directed to both security aspects and, as you suggested, statements which might be considered damaging to national security. The review requires only a few changes. These are:

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Mr. Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Jr., Professor Department of Political Science Brown University Providence, Rhode Island 02912

Dear Kirk:

This will acknowledge your letter of 2 November which reached my desk today, and, therefore, must have come by cance down the inland waterway. We appreciate your submitting the manscript of your new book, and we will attempt to move along with it rapidly.

Many thanks for your good wishes which are heartily reciprocated.

Always cordially,

(Signed) Richard Helmy

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cc: The Executive Director w/incoming

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November 2, 1972

Mr. Richard Helms, Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C.

Dear Dick:

As I did with The Real CIA in 1968, I am submitting the manuscript of a new book tentatively entitled The Intelligence Community and Foreign Policy and Domestic Operations for the Agency's review to insure that I have committed no security breaches or made any statements which might be considered damaging to national security.

As background I should note that I was approached by the publisher who was interested in producing a book that would be a trade edition but could also be used as a university-level text. It will be published by the Hill and Wang division of Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

While the view that "the less written about intelligence the better" might be the ideal, I do not believe it practical in our society. My personal file of 140 folders of clippings from the American press and periodicals covering some 27 years - is that much which is published is either to make money for the author or slanted by the source. The objective, well-researched articles (and books) are few and far between.

What I have tried to do in this book is to place the role of intelligence in the decision-making process in proper perspective and to answer the most recurrent questions asked by the American people. The Pentagon Papers and NSSM - 1 have provided a wealth of information in this regard. I have not tried to repeat material which was covered most ably in The Craft of Intelligence, Strategic Intelligence, or The Code Breakers, and have used the bibliography to point scholars to authoritative sources.

I have tried to present an objective view of the intelligence community.

With continued best wishes for continued success to you and all of my friends and former colleagues.

Sincerely,

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Jr.

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